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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 20th/February, through Sunday, 27th/February there were 234 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3D2/r, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 3X, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5T, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9M2, 9M6, 9Q, 9V, 9Y, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, C9, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FH, FJ, FM, FO, FR, FT5W, FY, G, GD, GI, GJ, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, S2, S5, S7, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T32, T5, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK0M, VK9N, VP2E, VP2M, VP2V, VP5, VP8, VP8/h, VP8/o, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD9, ZF, ZK1/s, ZK2, ZK3, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

3B8, MAURITIUS. Giovanni/IZ2DPX and Simon/IZ7ATN will be active from here **March 7-14th** as **3B8/IZ2DPX** and **3B8/IZ7ATN**. Activity will be on 40/20/17/15/12/10 meters (modes not mentioned). QSL 3B8/IZ2DPX via the bureau to IZ2DPX or direct to his QSL Manager IK2DUW. QSL 3B8/IZ7ATN via his QSL Manager IZ0CKJ.

ANTARCTICA NEWS.....

- Dominik, DL5EBE, announced a new DXpedition by the Bellingshausen team this past

weekend. Operators Oleg/UA1PBA and Alex/UA1PAW will be active from the **Chilean Ardley Refuge** (WAP CHL-12) on **Ardley Island** as **CE9/R1ANF** from **March 7-20th**. Last activity from this location was by Thomas, DP1KGI, when the building was still German property. This will be the first ham radio operation since the takeover by the Chilean authorities. QSL via RK1PWA.

- **MAITRI Station** (WAP IND-03). Many are requesting a QSL route for the two callsigns being used at the Maitri Base: **VU3AXA** and **VU3BPZ**. The QSL Manager for Dr. Bhagwathi, VU3BPZ, who will be at Maitri Base for 1 year, is his younger brother in India. However, no one seems to have his address. It is recommend to hold-off sending QSLs until VU3BPZ provides everyone with an address. Watch the WAP Web site.
- W.A.P. Antarctic News and Bulletins are available on the WAP Web site at: http://www.ddxc.net/wap/boll_anno.php.

C56, THE GAMBIA. Noel, M0NBY, informs OPDX that he will be active as **C56/M0NBY** between **February 25th and March 3rd**. No QSNs have been reported yet, but expected activity will be mainly during the evenings (local time) on 20 and 15 meters. He may also be active on 40 meters as well, SSB only! QSL via his home callsign (See QRZ.com) or via EQSL.cc.

C6, BAHAMAS. Bob, K0NR, will be active as **K0NR/C6A** from **Abaco Island (NA-080)**, from **March 6-12th**. Activity will be on 40-10 meters, using PSK31 and SSB. Also, activity will be on ISS Packet, AO-51 and the other FM LEO birds from Grid FL16. Bob states, "Assuming congestion on the FM voice satellites, I'll tend to favor ISS packet." QSL to his home callsign.

C6, BAHAMAS (IOTA Op). Bill/NE1B/C6AWB and Tom/C6ANM, who were active this past weekend in the **CQ 160 SSB Contest**, are expected to be active in the upcoming **ARRL SSB Contest**. However, before the contest they plan to visit **Berry Island (NA-054)**, **March 1-3rd**. QSLs for both stations are via WA2IYO. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW.

CY0, SABLE ISLAND. Operators Joe/W8GEX, Wayne/K8LEE and Phil/W9IXX are planning a 7 day DXpedition to Sable Island (**NA-063**) in **July**. The three man operation will be on 160-6 meters, and they plan to participate in the **IOTA Contest**. Operations will be CW, SSB, PSK and RTTY. QSL via K8LEE. This is a very expensive, trip and the crew is seeking donations to help offset the cost. Please send contributions to K8LEE.

DXCC NEWS.....

- Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, reports that the following operation is approved for DXCC credit: **VU4RBI** and **VU4NRO** - Andaman & Nicobar Islands; Operation from November 30, 2004 through December 31, 2004.
- "Cardless" Five-Band DXCC testimony to Logbook of the World's value (Feb 24,2005) -
- The ARRL Letter & Web page reports: "New Hampshire contest station KC1XX (chief op Matt Strelow) recently achieved Five-Band DXCC solely through contact data submitted to the ARRL's Logbook of the World (LoTW). With more than 255,000 QSOs already in the worldwide contact database, KC1XX recently was able to confirm 100 DXCC entities on 80 meters to qualify for the award. Because most participants have linked their DXCC data into LoTW, it is not always possible to determine band totals derived solely from Logbook confirmations. Major contest stations like KC1XX serve to

demonstrate the value of participating in LoTW; however, these stations frequently do not have DXCC, and their totals are due entirely to LoTW-verified contacts. The largely single-op contesting and DX station of John Sluymer, VE3EJ, in Ontario, also has qualified for 5BDXCC through LoTW-verified QSOs, while several others are closing in on achieving 5BDXCC using the same route. Meanwhile, Brian Alsop, K3KO, in North Carolina, has already confirmed 221 DXCC entities entirely via LoTW."

DX CONVENTION. The **56th Annual International DX Convention** will take place on **April 15-17th**, at the Visalia Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Visalia, California. This year's event promises to be a truly international event with program presentations by such notables as:

Roger Western, G3SXW
Martti Laine, OH2BH
Simon Lehto, OH8OS
Juha Hulkko, OH8NC

Veijo Kontas, OH6KN
Bharati Prasad, VU2RBI
Jerry Griffin, YI9MD
Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH

Also participating in the presentations will be the following stateside amateurs:

Frank Clement, W6KPC
Gerald Youngblood, K5SDR
Bob Allphin, K4UEE

Charly Harpole, K4VUD
John Eisenberg, K6YP

The Featured Banquet Presentation will be the recent Andaman (VU4) operation presented by K4VUD and VU2RBI. The Sunday breakfast presentation will be the Aves Island DX pedition presented by Reinaldo Leandro, YV5AMH and Martti Laine, OH2BH.

Convention registration includes access to all programs, exhibits, the US Tower Barbecue on Saturday, Friday & Saturday evening "attitude adjustments", the Convention Banquet and the Sunday morning (power) Breakfast.

Complete details, including a registration form are available on the convention website at: <http://www.ncdxc.org/Ncdxc/Convention/> (Note: the caps shown are required to access the web site)

George Allan, W6YD
Chairman, 2005 Visalia International DX Convention
E-Mail: w6yd@aol.com

EA8, CANARY ISLANDS. Operators Dunia/EC8ADU, Javi/EC4AEW, Oscar/EA4TD and Edu/EC8AUA will be active as **EA8URL** from the URE Las Palmas Section during the **ARRL SSB Contest** as Multi-100W only entry. QSL via EA8URL or EC8AUA.

FG, GUADELOUPE. Flo, F5CWU, will be here from FG5BG's QTH between **March 2-10th**. He will enter next weekend's **ARRL DX SSB Contest** using the callsign **FG/F5CWU**. Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/RTTY/PSK.

FP, ST. PIERRE AND MIQUELON. Paul/K9OT and Peg/KB9LIE will be active as **FP/homecalls July 29th through August 7th**. They will operate from the world-famous Room 5 at the Maxotel on **Miquelon (NA-132)** using CW and SSB, 100 watts and wire vertical antennas, plus a beam for 6 meters. Main bands will be 80, 40, and 30 meters CW and 40, 20,

and 17 meters SSB, with activity on 160 meters and the higher bands if they appear to be open. They plan to be active in the RSGB IOTA Contest as Single-Operators and as FP/K9OT in the CW NA QSO Party. QSL via their homecalls (good in QRZ) with a SASE, or 1 greenstamp, Euro or IRC (old or new). Bureau cards are accepted but e-QSLs will not be acknowledged. Their Web page is at: <http://www.mhtc.net/~k9ot/>

FT5W, CROZET ISLAND. Francois, F8DVD, informs OPDX that he received a message from Jean Paul, F5BU, now signing **FT5WJ** from Crozet Island. The message states that Jean Paul arrived on the island last February 5th, but his radio equipment (Icom 726 with amplifier and a ground plane antenna) did not arrive until February 18th. Equipment was late because of the weather and some changes in the ship's route. His first contacts were made on 20 meters February 20th. Jean Paul is on the island for one month. He hopes to be on air about one hour each day on 14278 kHz (+/- QRM). He can only be active during his spare time. QSLs will be via F5BU, and they will be printed after his return to France. ADDED NOTE: Nicolas, F4EGX, now signing FT1WK, is also there with Jean Paul, but is only allowed on the satellites (Watch AO-51). QSL via F4EGX. Visit the following Web page for more details at: <http://f4egx.free.fr/cro.html>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AF-NEW.** Operators Hossam/SU1HM, Said/SU1SK, Tarek/SU2TA and Sayed/SU1SA will be active as **SU8IOTA** from **Disuqi Island** (Nelson Island) in the Nile Delta and Sinai Region Group from **April 23rd through May 1st**. This will be the first IOTA operation from EGYPT. QSL direct to SU1SK: Said Kamel, P.O. Box 190, New Ramsis Center, Cairo 11794, Egypt.
- **EU-030.** Klaus, DJ4JI, will be active as **OZ/DJ4JI** from **Bornholm Island, March 5-10th**. Activity will be on 80, 40 and 20 meters, SSB only, running only 400 watts with a Swan-350 transceiver. QSL via his home callsign, either by the bureau or direct to: Klaus Helmbrecht, Schuhhof 4, D-38640 Goslar, GERMANY.
- **EU-038.** Operators Jeroen/NL12339 and Will/PE1OPM will be active as PA6WAD from **Ameland Island, May 7-14th**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters, including the WARC bands, using SSB and RTTY. QSL via NL12339: Jeroen Reijerkerk, P.O. Box 42, 4724 ZG Wouw, The Netherlands.
- **SA-020.** A French group and a OE3 will activate **Royale Island** (DIFO: FY-008, WLOTA: 0911), **French Guyana**, as **TO7C** (See [OPDX.686](#)). Activity will be on 160-6 meters CW/SSB/Digitals. QSL via F9IE Bernard Chereau, B.P. 211, F85330 Noirmoutier en l'Ile, France. Visit their Web page at: <http://to7c.free.fr/traficuk.html>.

HAMVENTION ACTIVITY (Dayton). "Dayton Topband Dinner" announcement: All 160 meter enthusiasts are cordially invited to the Topband banquet to be held on Friday night, May 20th, of the 2005 Hamvention in Dayton, at Neil's Heritage House Restaurant (2323 Schantz Ave, Dayton, OH -- Map on request). This annual event brings together 160 meter operators from around the world for food, drink and camaraderie. This year, George, K8GG, has agreed to assist and will be taking reservations. Social hour is at 6:15 PM (cash bar) and dinner at 7:45 PM. Dinner entree choices include: Breast of Chicken Supreme, Broiled Salmon or Roast Sirloin of Beef (includes salad, rolls and butter, dessert and beverage). The cost is 29 USD each which includes the complete dinner, taxes and gratuities. Make your dinner choice selection and reserve a seat with: George Guerin, K8GG, 675 Riverside Drive, Battle Creek, MI 49015. His E-mail address is: gmguerin@voyager.net. Paid reservations must be received by May 1st.

Overseas attendees may pay at the door but need to reserve by E-mail in advance of May 1st. "Looking forward to seeing old and new friends...73" George/W8UVZ & George/K8GG

IOTA DINNER ANNOUNCEMENT. The 10th annual Islands On The Air (IOTA) Dinner will be held Friday, **April 15th**, at the Birch Room of the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center, 9000 W. Airport Drive, Visalia, CA 93277, in conjunction with the 56th Annual International DX Convention. Scheduled presentations are:

- "IOTA-Going Online" by G3ZAY
- "Ascuncion Is (NA-164) & Santa Ines Is (NA-165)" by N6VR, XE2K, and N6JV
- "Battle Island (NA-044)" by AD5A
- "Rennelle Island (SA-094)" by K9AJ & KD6WW

(Other programs may be added as time permits.)

The dinner is available at a cost of 21 USD/person off a limited dinner menu that offers a main entree choice of New York Steak, Red Snapper, or Chicken Cordon Bleu. Each meal will be served with salad, vegetables, dinner rolls, desert, and a beverage (coffee, ice tea, or water). Reservations are not required, but seating in the Birch Room is limited to about 120. This event is open to all radio amateurs and spouses/families are encouraged to attend. There is no charge to attend and watch the programs (there will be door prizes provided by the IOTA sponsoring organization, the Radio Society of Great Britain, RSGB). For additional information regarding this event, contact: Jim Zimmerman, N6KZ, 2316 W. Dallin Street, Lancaster, CA 93536-5702 -- (661) 945-6539 -- E-mail address: Jimzim1@mindspring.com.

JW, SVALBARD. Francois, F8DVD, will once again for the 10th time be in **Longyearbyen** between **April 4-10th**. He will use the callsign **JW/F8DVD** from the local ARS station. Activity will be on all HF bands, mainly on SSB. QSL either via the French REF Bureau or direct (with 1 USD or 1 IRC for Europeans, 2 USD for all other areas) to: Francois Bergez, 6, rue de la Liberte, F-71000 MACON, FRANCE. His E-mail address for Bureau QSLs is: f8dvd@qsl.net.

KH8, SWAINS ISLAND (Update). Remember to look for members of the American Samoa Amateur Radio Association (ASARA) to be active from **Swains Island (IOTA OC-200) March 2-6th**. Operators will be Kan/JA1BK, John/K1ER/KH6, Tet/JH1JGX/AH7C, Yuichi/JR2KDN, Paul/F6EXV, Jim/N9TK, Burt/W0MY (ex-W0RLX), and have added Dianna/KB6NAN and Phil/W9IXX. The callsign will be KH8SI. Activity will be on 160-6 meters on the usual DX and IOTA frequencies. Modes will be CW, SSB and RTTY. They will have 4 complete HF stations with amps and 4 HF yagis (2 CW and 4 SSB). They will also have at least one station on for the **ARRL SSB Contest**. OPDX was informed that Dianna will be active on 6 meters and possibly the ARRL SSB Contest. Suggested frequencies are:

- **CW** - 1822.5, 3505, 7005, 10107, 14025, 18073, 21025, 24895 and 28025
- **SSB** - 3795, 7080, 14195, 18140, 21295, 24930 and 28495
- **RTTY** - 14088 kHz
- **6m** - 50110 kHz (CW/SSB)

Pilot base stations are: AH8LG, WA2MOE, JE2EHP and KH6BZF. QSL Manager will be VE3HO: Garth Allistair Hamilton, P. O. Box 1156, FONTHILL, ON L0S 1E0, CANADA. For

more details, maps and pictures, visit the following Web page: <http://www.swains-island.org/>
ADDED NOTES BY EDITOR: Over the past week, there has been some interesting dialogue exchanged between the ARRL and the ASARA (as well as the DX community on the InterNet). The Leagues position right now is: "Contacts with KH8SI operating from Swain's Island will count for American Samoa for DXCC purposes and for OC-200 for the RSGB's Islands on the Air (IOTA) program." It is recommend for interested DXers to read the following Web pages to draw their conclusion about whether or not Swains Island should become a new entity.

- ASARA's "Rough Road to IARU" <http://www.swains-island.org/roughroad.htm>
- K1ZZ's "White Paper on American Samoa and Swain's Island" <http://www.arrl.org/announce/American-Samoa/>
- ASARA's "Response to ARRL Whitepaper" <http://www.swains-island.org/swainsreponce.htm>

WH8, AMERICAN SAMOA (IOTA Op). Paul, F6EXV, informs OPDX this past weekend that following the KH8SI operation he will remain on **Tutuila Island (OC-045)** at Larry's, AH8LG (ex-KS6DV), QTH and operate WH8/F6EXV **until March 19th**. Paul states, "Larry and his charming wife Uti, KS6FO, are to be thanked for their superb, friendly and nice hospitality -- they truly show the real ham spirit, and the warmth of Pacific islands inhabitants." Activity will be on all bands, mostly SSB (some CW) on the usual DX frequencies. QSL via his home callsign (see QSL directions tab on his Web page). His Web is: <http://www.f5kbw.org/pagesperso/f6exv/>. ADDED NOTE FROM F6EXV: The old logs of the following callsigns are online on his Web page: F6EXV (up to date), 4U9U, 4U/F6EXV, 7O8AA, 9Q5EXV, 9X5DX, FO5OO, ZA1ZMX, ZA1ZVX and ZA1ZXV. The log from his WH8/F6EXV operation will be uploaded about once a day directly by himself from AH8LG's place.

PIRATE ALERT. OPDX has been informed that a station signing **OH0/OZ3GF** has been active, especially on lower bands (80/160m), is a pirate. An official from the Danish IT Telestyrelsen reports that OZ3GF is not a valid callsign and has not been valid since April 14th, 2000. Do not send QSL cards via OZ bureau; it will be returned.

PJ2, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Joeke, PA0VDV, is now active as PJ2/PA0VDV from Signal Hill, **Curacao (SA-006)**, until **March 23rd**. His activity has been mainly on the WARC bands CW, with some operations on 15 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

PJ4, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Peter, PA3CNX, is now active as **PJ4/PA3CNX** from **Bonaire (SA-006)** until **March 14th**. Activity will be on all bands 80-6 meters CW/SSB. However, his operating times will be limited due to his holiday activities and wife. His antennas are a Force 12 Sigma 5 vertical and a FD-4 Windom. The rig is a FT-857 with 100 watts. QSL via the bureau or direct (QRZ.com).

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **QSL 6I2CQ via XE2CQ.** Activity was during the CQ 160 Meters SSB Contest. Operators were the "Los Locos Del DX Gang" consisting of XE2ED, XE2K and XE2CQ.
- Juan's, **EA9IE**, active on this past weekend's CQ WW 160m SSB Contest, reports that his logs will be available online at: <http://dx.qsl.net/cgi-bin/logform.cgi?ea9ie>.

- **NEW QSL MANAGER.** Ralph, K2PF, reports, "Starting immediately, I will handle QSL cards for **KH6YY**."
- **VK9LA AND VQ9LA CONFUSION.** QSL Manager for VK9LA, Bill, VK4FW, reports "many many" people are getting confused between these two callsigns. He has been receiving many QSL requests for January and February operations. The station being worked is "NOT" VK9LA but in fact VQ9LA. PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY.
- **QSL YI9VCQ via N3ST.** Activity was during this past weekend's CQ WW 160m SSB Contest.

S7, SEYCHELLES. DDr. Karl, OE3JAG, is expected to be active as S79JAG from **Mahe** between **July 22nd and August 7th**. This will be a DX holiday style operation, and Karl will be using a FT-817, running QRP, with random wire and dipole antennas. Look for activity on the following suggested frequencies:

- **CW** - 14020, 18070, 21020, 24890 and 28020 kHz
- **SSB** - 14190, 18140, 21190, 24940 and 28190 kHz
- **RTTY** - 14080, 18100, 21080, 24920 and 28080 kHz
- **PSK** - 14070, 18100, 21070, 24920 and 28070 kHz.

QSL via OE3JAG: DDr. Karl Jungwirth, Adalbert Stifter Strasse 25, 2232 Deutsch Wagram, AUSTRIA - EUROPE. Further information can be found on Karl's Web site at: <http://www.oe3jag.com/>.

SPECIAL EVENT AND IOTA ACTIVITY. To celebrate the **30th anniversary** of the twin cities of **Itterswiller** in Alsace and **Brehat**, operators Laurent, F5AEG, and Frederic (new French operator waiting for his licence), will be active as **TM3OBI** from **Brehat Island (EU-074)** from **May 4-8th**. They will be active on SSB, RTTY and PSK31 on 80-10 meters. QSL via F5AEG.

SPECIAL EVENT. Boyan, LZ1BJ, BFRA HF Manager, informs OPDX that special event station **LZ800AB** (Lima Zulu Eight Zero Zero Alfa Bravo) will be active on all bands and modes between **March 1st and April 30th** to commemorate **800th anniversary of the Adrianople Battle** (April 14, 1205) in which the Bulgarian army led by Tzar Kaloyan defeated the Latin Knights Army led by Emperor Baldwin of Flanders. QSL via the bureau to LZ1PJ or direct to: BFRA, P.O. Box 830, 1000 Sofia, Bulgaria.

ST2YJ NOW QRT. Hugo, LA5YJ, informs OPDX that he is now back in Norway, and that ST2YJ for the time being is closed down. He states that he made about 4900 QSOs with 136 countries inbetween a rather busy time schedule, and his X-mas RR on 3.5 to 28 MHz. Hugo states, "Would loved to work more but the time was rather limited." Logs were uploaded to e-QSL. Cards are now printed and ready to go. He adds, "As you may have discovered all QSLs for ST2YJ are going to LA4YW and only for ST2YJ. The XU7ACW, 9N7YJ and MI0YJR QSLs go to my home call LA5YJ. Do not try to add these cards to LA4YW. That is a waste of time and money. And please, guys, all direct QSLs must be with a SAE and 2 USD or 1 IRC. All others will concequently be returned via the QSL bureau." Hugo states, in most cases, it will take about 6 months to 1 year to send QSLs through the bureau from there.

SV5, DODECANESE. Willi, DJ7RJ, will be active as **SV5/homecall** from the island of **Kos (EU-001)**, between **February 28th and March 19th**. Activity will be mainly on the lowbands

CW/SSB. QSL via home callsign.

SV9, CRETE. Stelios, **SV9FBM**, will be active in the upcoming **CQ WW WPX SSB Contest (March 26-27th)** as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via his home callsign.

TF, ICELAND. Sigurdur, **TF3CW**, will be active during the **ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 5-6th)** as a Single-Op/Single-Band (20m) entry. QSL via LX1NO.

TT8, CHAD. QSL Manager Dennis, PA7FM, provides OPDX with the following on Michael, PA5M, who originally should have been active by now as 3Y0X, but as we all know, has been postponed to 2006. Michael will become active from Chad (TT8) in the **upcoming week**. The callsign to be used is not confirmed yet. He will be operating all modes, including RTTY and PSK this time, when time permits. He will use a FT857 with 100w into wire antennas or a vertical (or whatever might be available locally). There is already a Web site online at: <http://www.pa7fm.nl>. ADDED NOTE FROM PA7FM: Concerning all of Michael's previous operations, there's no QSL backlog, and cards arriving will be answered as soon as possible. (YI/PA5M, 9U5M, ST2DX, 5U7DX, TZ6M, TY5M, 9N7M and LU/PA5M) All logs can be found online on the above Web page. Both direct and bureau cards will be answered.

V2, ANTIGUA. Bob/W4OWY and Mark/W9OP will be active from here between **March 14-20th**. Activity will be on 160-10 meters. However, their focus will be on 160-30 meters. QSLs go to their home callsigns.

VU4 NEWS.....

- QRZ DX reported this past week that Bharathi, VU2RBI, has been named recipient of the 2nd Annual Lynch Memorial Award given by the Tokyo International Amateur Radio Association. The press release states: "Bharathi Prasad, VU2RBI, recently became famous in the ham world for her DXpedition to Andaman Island after 14 years of wrangling with Indian bureaucrats. Shortly after that, she became widely known outside the amateur radio community in India and abroad for her heroic work on-air in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean Tsunami."
- Bill, W4WX, has received a QSL status of the VU4 cards from Mohan, VU2MYH, this past week. Here is what he received: "The QSL cards are already printed and out going QSLs will be mailed after 8th March. The VU4 QSL cards release is likely to be done on 2nd March through the hands of the Mr. Dayanidhi Maran, VU2DMK Hon'ble Minister for Communication and Information Technology at a function in New Delhi. We have already labelled each QSL card received each day. The cards will be sent on First In First Out basis at the Bureau."

YO DX HF CONTEST (Scores 2004). Chip, N2YO, informs OPDX that the final scores for the YO DX HF Contest 2004 are now available. They can be found on the Romanian Amateur Radio Federation Web site at: <http://www.hamradio.ro/contests/yodxhf2004/>.

ZK2, NIUE. Murray, VE7HA, informs OPDX that he and his wife Konomi are in ZK2-land now and he has his station on-the-air. The callsign issued is **ZK2HA** (not ZK2ML as previously advised). Murray states, "SSB response on 20m has been good, but I haven't had much luck on the higher frequency bands yet. Conditions just aren't there. The vertical is installed about 200 metres from the open ocean on the northwest corner of Niue Island and about 3 metres high at

its base. Therefore, I was able to install 14 raised radials for the 7 bands it works on. The Steppir BiggIR's ability to be retuned remotely in a few seconds is a great feature for portable operation. Niue avoided the three cyclones that have hit the South Pacific in the last month. Though American Samoa was hit badly by Cyclone Olaf as was the Cook Islands, we had nothing more than some wind and rain. We still plan to be here through to the **end of March**. I look forward to weekend contests when lots of stations are on with good signals."

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